# Water Supply Benefits Use Decision Tool Status Report

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## Land Use Resource Management Strategy Background

- Update 2005 and acknowledge landuse, water supply and quality & flood interaction
- Update 2009 align RMS with State policy and evaluate decision tools to promote concept without regulation
- Update 2013 continue with Pilot to validate decision tool to continue alignment of state policies for best water management practice

### Land Use Resource Management Strategy

Land use planning and management cuts across many Water Plan resource management strategies

- Watershed
- Water use efficiency
- Agricultural lands stewardship
- Flood management
- Water quality
- Habitat
- Sustainable development (e.g. CAPs)



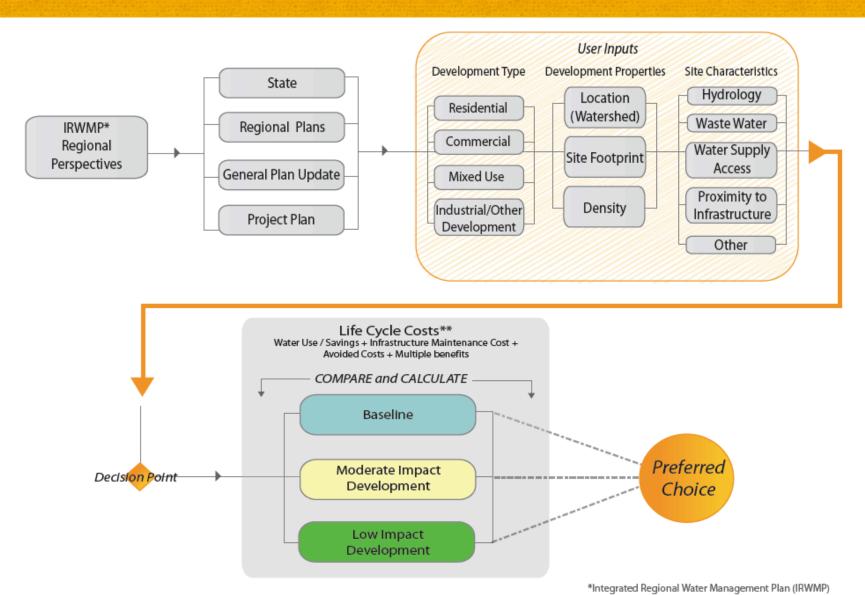
#### Land Use Planning and Management Resource Management Strategy

- RMS promotes changes in land use and water planning
- Process for RMS development
  - Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)
  - Land use caucus to reach consensus on chapter
- Land use tool adopted in 2009 to implement the RMS

## Water Management Decision Tool

An approach comparing all costs over the life of development, maintenance and operations of traditional development - land use location, site planning and associated infrastructure - to low impact development and LEED-ND approaches.

#### Water Management Decision Tool Concept



<sup>\*\*</sup> All costs over 50 year time period

#### Why is a tool needed?

- Need to quantify Land Use Resource
   Management Strategy costs and benefits
- Inform decision makers, planners, developers about choices in the future land and water use
- Use tool to help identify what data is needed - see RMS Recommendations

#### Resource Management Strategy Tool Benefits of the tool

- Helps to make choices in land use and water supply benefits based on RMS
- Demonstrates why Business As Usual means loss of flexibility and adaptation to climate change
- Quantifies all costs including long term maintenance and replacement